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COUNTRY: VENEZUELA

DOI : (b)(1) (b)(3)

SUBJECT: CONTINUING PRESIDENTIAL INTEREST IN THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE KIDNAPPING OF WILLIAM F. NIEHOUS

ACQ : (b)(1) (b)(3)

SOURCE : (b)(1) (b)(3)

1. (b)(1) (b)(3) VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ REITERATED HIS INTEREST IN SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVING THE CASE OF KIDNAPPED UNITED STATES BUSINESSMAN WILLIAM F. NIEHOUS. PEREZ SAID THAT HE IS UNDER UNSPECIFIED FOREIGN PRESSURE TO RESOLVE THE MATTER. ALSO, PEREZ SAID THAT A RECENT PUBLIC OPINION POLL HAS DISCLOSED THAT THE VENEZUELAN PUBLIC STILL HAS A HIGH DEGREE OF INTEREST IN THE NIEHOUS CASE. (b)(3)

2. ERASTO F E R N A N D E Z, A PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY CHIEF,

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CONTINUES TO LEAD THE TASK FORCE CHARGED WITH THE NEIHOUS INVESTIGATION. CURRENTLY, THE INVESTIGATION IS CENTERING AROUND THE PURSUIT OF SIGNIFICANT LEADS DEVELOPED FROM CLOSELY MONITORING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATES OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS UNDER DETENTION IN THE CASE. [redacted] COMMENT: FERNANDEZ' EXPERIENCE LIES IN THE HEAVY- (b)(1) (b)(3)
HANDED METHODS OF TRACKING DOWN GUERRILLAS DURING THE 1960'S AND NOT IN CARRYING OUT A MORE SOPHISTICATED CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION. THE OPERATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE ARE DEFINITELY BEING HAMPERED BY FERNANDEZ' INEXPERIENCE IN THIS TYPE OF WORK.) [redacted] COMMENT: (b)(1) (b)(3)
AN EARLIER REPORT ON THE TASK FORCE'S ACTIVITIES SEE [redacted]

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3. [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3)

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